

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES.

LOOKING BACK

Church Fête. "A series of depressions crossing the British Isles" on the Thursday and Friday previous to the Fête caused many of us to be depressed, and the outlook on the Saturday morning could hardly have been less promising! The decision to risk holding the Fête in the Vicarage Garden, as arranged, was not made until 11 a.m. Preparations were completed, and then at 2 p.m. an ominous black cloud rolled up and our hearts nearly stopped beating. However, that too, passed and the afternoon turned out quite fine. Everyone admitted how fortunate we were, but the foregoing shews what anxiety there is over outdoor functions. The Fête was a most happy and successful event, and the financial result was splendid—£178 being realised. Grateful thanks are due to all who sent gifts in money or in kind, the stallholders and the helpers in the Tea Room, those responsible for the side-shows, our auctioneer and his assistants, the gatekeepers, and those who helped to put up the stalls and to clear away afterwards. It is impossible to individualise, and we hope the foregoing list of helpers covers all concerned. We think they will feel that the success of the Fête rewarded them for their efforts.

W.B.C.

Harvest Thanksgiving. The Church was beautifully decorated, as always, and we owe a debt of gratitude to all who sent gifts and to those who helped with the work of decoration—not forgetting those who "cleared away" on Monday morning and those who conveyed our gifts to Avonside Hospital. All the Services were well attended, and the collections amounted to £12 15s. 6d. A word of praise, also, is due to the Choir for their work on this occasion.

W.B.C.

Congratulations and Good Wishes to Mr. and Mrs. E. Smith (nee Joan Cockerton), who were married on September 18th. The bride has rendered most faithful service as a Sunday School Teacher.

LOOKING FORWARD

Remembrance Sunday. The Services on Sunday, November 7th, will be as follows:—

8 a.m. Holy Communion.

11 a.m. Matins. The members of the British Legion will parade.

6.45 p.m. Evensong.

We plead for a worthy observance of this day. There ought not to be an empty seat in the Church.

Organ Recital. Mr. J. Gilbert Mills has kindly offered to give an Organ Recital on Thursday, November 11th, at 7.30 p.m., and Mr. Henry King has kindly promised to be the Soloist. The Collection will be devoted to the War Memorial Fund. We shall again expect to see a full Church.

Sanctuary Guild. Service in Church on Thursday, October 14th, at 3 p.m., followed by Meeting in the Parish Room.

Mothers' Union. Meetings re-start on Wednesday, October 20th, at Seward House at 2.30 p.m. It is hoped all members will try to attend.

Men's Fellowship. By the time this issue of the Magazine is in the hands of our readers, the Meeting to discuss the formation of a Men's Fellowship will have been held. A report will appear in the November issue.

UNITED NATIONS DAY

Archbishops' Call to Prayer

The Archbishop of Canterbury and the Archbishop of York, in a message in connection with the observance of United Nations Day on October 24th, say:

"United Nations Day, which is to be observed by the peoples of member nations annually on October 24, falls this year on a Sunday. The indispensable place of United Nations, and the great responsibility that rests upon it, become daily more evident.

"It can only grow to full stature as an instrument of world co-operation and good government if it has behind it the intelligent support of the peoples which it represents; and, as the Lambeth Conference recently said, it will fail unless it is upheld by the conviction that nations, as well as individuals, are all members of the one family under the one God and Father of all.

"We trust that our own Church, along with others, will strongly support United Nations that it may be rightly directed in its work and growth, and we ask that in all our churches special prayer may be offered for it on October 24."

PARISH REGISTERS

Marriage

Sept. 18th. Edward Edgar Albert Smith, Farnborough (Hants.), and Winifred Joan Cockerton, Badsey.

Burial

Sept. 11th. Eliza Emms, aged 73 years.

Church Collections

Church Expenses: Sept. 5th, £2 10s.; Sept. 12th, £2 8s. 6d.; Sept. 19th, £1 15s. 8d.; total, £6 14s. 2d.

Other Receipts: Harvest Thanksgiving Collections, £12 15s. 6d. (Evesham Hospital, £3 8s.; Red Cross Society, £3 8s.; Church Overseas, £3 8s.; Altar Fund, £2 11s. 6d.). Envelopes for Church Expenses, £3 7s. 4d.; Envelopes for Church Overseas 7s. 5d. (No. 3, 10s. 6d.; No. 4, 6s.; No. 6, 12s.; No. 7, 3s.; No. 8, 3s. 6d.; No. 11, 3s. 6d.; No. 13, 5s.; No. 16, 2s.; No. 17, 4s. 9d.; No. 18, 4s.; No. 19, 1s.; No. 21, 5s. 6d.; No. 22, 4s.; No. 24, 10s.).

Church Fête Receipts

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| Sale of Programmes and Gate Money ... | 5 | 18 | 6 |
| Dropping the Coin ... | | 15 | 9 |
| Treasure Hunt ... | 1 | 9 | 0 |
| Cake Stall ... | 2 | 16 | 0 |
| Cake Guessing ... | | 18 | 0 |
| Mrs. Crane (Cakes) ... | 17 | 18 | 2 |
| Bowling (Gent.'s) ... | 11 | 17 | 0 |
| Bowling (Ladies) ... | 4 | 14 | 0 |
| Ice Cream ... | 1 | 11 | 8 |
| 1st Sunday Group Stall ... | 21 | 3 | 0 |
| 2nd Sunday Group Tea Room ... | 7 | 16 | 5 |
| 3rd Sunday Group Stall ... | 23 | 8 | 10 |
| 4th Sunday Group Stall ... | 10 | 8 | 6 |
| 5th Sunday Group and M.U. Stall ... | 23 | 10 | 10 |
| Auction Sale ... | 30 | 15 | 7 |
| Per Mr. and Mrs. Hector Smith ... | 4 | 17 | 6 |
| Donations ... | 4 | 2 | 8 |
| Dance ... | 4 | 3 | 6 |
| Total ... | £178 | 4 | 11 |

C. A. BINYON.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES.

VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mason were the recipients of many congratulations and good wishes on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding on September 15th. At the conclusion of the P.C.C. Meeting at Leystones Cafe on September 22nd, the members of the P.C.C. and of the Mothers' Union presented Mrs. Mason with a book in token of their affection and esteem. Following the presentation, refreshments were served, these including a wonderful iced cake bearing the inscription: "Mr. and Mrs. John W. Mason. 60 Glorious Years"!

Our Church was very lovely for the Harvest Thanksgiving, and we are indeed grateful to all who sent gifts and all who helped to decorate the Church—not forgetting those who helped to "clear away"! The Services throughout the day were most inspiring, and we were glad to welcome visitors from Badsey at the Sunday School Service. This latter was in every way successful, and many people expressed the hope that it would become a permanent institution. On

Remembrance Sunday (November 7th) there will be the usual Special Service at 9.45 a.m., attended by members of the British Legion. We hope the Church will be full. Evensong will be, as usual, at 5.30 p.m. In view of the Service of Remembrance, the 9 a.m. Celebration, usually held on the first Sunday in the month, will be transferred to Sunday, October 31st.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

W. B. CHAPMAN.

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

September 12th. Rachel Elizabeth Astley.

September 24th. Joyce Brotherton.

Collections for Church Expenses (Sept. 5th to 26th inclusive), £8 16s. 9d. **Harvest Thanksgiving Collection** (Oct. 3rd), £14 14s. 9d. (St. Dunstan's £12 10s. 9d.; Sunday School Fund £2 4s.). **Church Box:** £1 3s. **Churchyard Fund:** Mr. W. H. Taylor (Leatherhead), £3 3s.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Women's Institute. At the September Meeting, Mrs. Caswell was appointed Sick Visitor for the month. Mrs. Sadler reported on the work of the Canning Club, and it was announced that Mrs. Sandford had passed her test. Miss Crabtree (Worcester) gave a very interesting demonstration on Quilting, and was thanked, on behalf of the members, by Mrs. Shelley. The Social Half-Hour was taken up with "Twenty Questions," the team being Mrs. Carter, Mrs. L. Byrd, Mrs. Hurman, and Mrs. J. Keen—with Mr. M. Savory "knowing all the answers." The team was successful in nine attempts out of eleven. A Gladioli Competition resulted as follows: 1, Mrs. Seers; 2, Mrs. Carter; Consolation, Mrs. Pratley and Mrs. Sparrow. A very happy evening concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

N. E. KEEN.

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BRITISH LEGION (WOMEN'S SECTION)

There was a good attendance at the opening Meeting of the new session, held at the Bell Inn on Tuesday, September 28th. The Chairman (Mrs. Harvey) made an announcement regarding the Memorial, which is to be placed in the Church, to those who laid down their lives in the last War. The Secretary read correspondence relating to the Annual Conference to be held at Worcester on October 23rd, and to the Albert Hall Festival of Remembrance on November 11th.

The Speaker for the evening was Mrs. Chapman. She gave a very interesting and entertaining account of her varied experiences as the wife of a Vicar. At the conclusion of her talk Mrs. M. Savory proposed a very hearty vote of thanks, and the Members shewed their appreciation in the usual manner.

Refreshments were then served, and during this interval nominations were taken for those willing to serve on the Committee for the ensuing year.

Annual General Meeting—Tuesday, October 26th, at the Bell Inn at 8 p.m.

R. M. BARNARD.

Church, and to endeavour to defray the cost (approximately £150) by public subscription. Mr. J. E. Knight (Fairview) and Mr. P. H. Sparrow (1 South View) were appointed to receive Subscriptions. At the moment Subscriptions are coming in very slowly, and we would urge everyone in the Village to help this most worthy cause. The British Legion (Men's Section) has headed the list with a gift of £10 10s. As noted elsewhere in this issue, there will be an Organ Recital in Church on November 11th at 7.30 p.m. and the Collection will be for this Fund. We hope this effort will be widely supported. Some people seem under the impression that the Fund is connected with the Memorial Hall Fund, and we wish to make it quite clear that it is an entirely separate appeal.

Ex-Servicemen and Women are reminded that Sunday, November 7th, is "Remembrance Sunday." They are asked to make a special effort to attend the Parade, either at Wickhamford at 9.15 a.m. (for Service in Wickhamford Church at 9.45 a.m.) or at Badsey Pike at 10.30 a.m. (for Service in Badsey Church at 11 a.m.).

P. H. SPARROW.

BRITISH LEGION (MEN'S SECTION)

At the Meeting held on September 23rd, it was reported that the attendance at the recent Public Meeting to discuss the question of a Memorial to the men who fell in the 1939-45 War had been most disappointing. However, it had been decided to proceed with the proposal to place a tablet in the Parish

Extracts from "A Message from the Bishops assembled at Lambeth"

(Read in all Churches on Sunday, October 10th)

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the power of the Resurrection. The gates of Hell cannot prevail against it. This is an hour of testing and peril for the Church, no less than for the world. But it is the hour of God's call to the Church. Thus the keynote of our message is encouragement to the people of God all the world over. For those who have eyes to see, there are signs that the tide of faith is beginning to come in.

We know well how hard it is for many of you to live as Christians in this present age. Many of you are trying to bear your witness in face of contempt and ridicule, in the places where you work day by day. All at times are tempted to lose heart and to wonder whether, under such conditions, Christian living is possible, or whether, if possible, it is worth while. We are certain that it is possible, and worth everything, and we write this Letter to tell you why.

Remember that some of the first believers were slaves owned by non-Christian masters. Many suffered persecution for Christ's sake. It was often hard for those who were in Christ before us. Because they were faithful in their generations, the light still shines in the House of God, and the torch of faith has been carried across the earth. The Christian life is always difficult. The fight against evil is always costly. Without the Cross, there could have been no

Resurrection. But the Resurrection is the guarantee that the love of God is stronger than death or evil.

Whatever man may do, God is undefeated. God reigns. The world belongs to Him, and in it He is working out that purpose which He has revealed to us in Jesus Christ. He uses imperfect and sinful men to be its servants. Christians may not always be better than their neighbours, but we serve a better Master. His is the cause that has life and hope in it.

This life and hope are offered to the world. Only when the sovereignty of Christ is owned in our communities can they become what God wills them to be. Societies that are built on other foundations are built on sand. In the world of our time two ways of living, two beliefs concerning the meaning of human life, contend with one another for man's soul. The battle is between that faith in God and man through Christ, by which man is set free, and (against it) the creeds of materialism and the will to power, by which he is enslaved. The Church is the champion of man against all that cheapens and degrades him; for the Gospel is the charter of man's dignity. The mission of the Church, now as always, is to proclaim and live out the Gospel by which alone men can be saved from sin and judgement, and the world from despair and self-destruction.

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